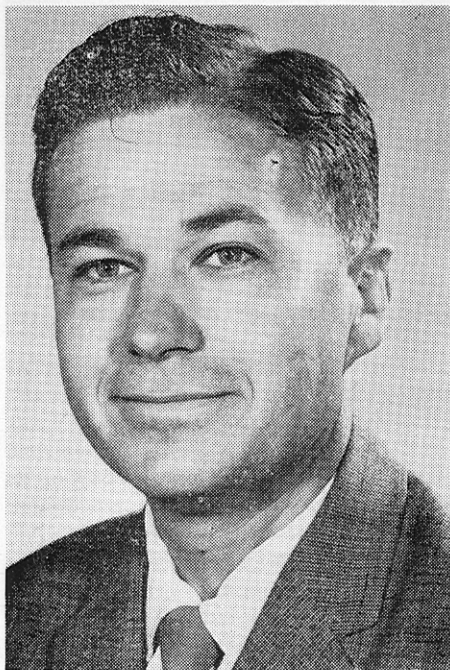


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## Rev. David W. Clark Dies At Hanceville In December

The Reverend David W. Clark died at Hanceville, Alabama, on December 8, 1965.

The Rev. Mr. Clark was ordained in the Congregational Christian Churches on October 24, 1952, at Tallassee, Alabama. Parishes he has served include Daisy, Tenn., Headland, Ala., Oak Grove, Ga., Lowell, Roanoke, Ala., Center, Atlanta, Tallassee, Ala., and Mountain Grove, Hanceville, Ala.

He attended Southern Union College, Toccoa Falls College, University of Chattanooga, LaGrange College, and St. Bernard College, Cullman, Ala.

Born in 1923, he was married to the former Louise Morrison in 1943. In addition to his wife he is survived by a daughter, Ann, a son, David, Jr., three sisters, Mrs. Venis Moody, Mrs. Naomi Headrick and Mrs. Viola Jochum; four brothers, Odis, Youless, Millard, and Earnest Clark.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Guy L. Colbert and Rev. Harold Schultz.

## New Year Brings Important Changes To SE Convention

Effective January 1, 1966, the Southeast Convention increased in size through the addition of three new associations.

In accordance with the agreement voted at the annual meeting in April of 1965 the following bodies are now a part of the convention:

The Georgia-South Carolina Convention (Association) of the Convention of the South with 9 churches;

The Alabama-Mississippi Association of the Convention of the South with 9 churches;

The Alabama-Tennessee Association composed of 4 churches of Evangelical and Reformed Church background from the Indiana-Kentucky Conference of the United Church of Christ.

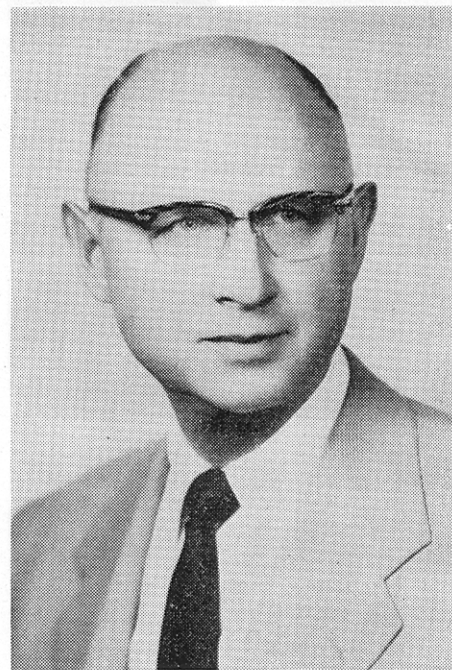
The former Kentucky - Tennessee Conference of the Southeast Convention and the Tennessee-Kentucky Conference of the Convention of the South voted at their joint annual sessions in October of 1965 to form the Tennessee-Kentucky Association effective January 1, 1966.

This means that the Southeast Convention is now composed of approximately 132 churches organized into nine acting associations of the United Church of Christ.

At its annual meeting in April the convention will take action on the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws. The changes will open the way for the convention to become the Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ.

The Personnel Committee of the convention is busily at work seeking a successor to Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr. for the office of Conference Minister.

Until the new conference minister is chosen, the Board of Directors, Rufus G. Obrecht, Chairman, will supervise the activities of the convention. Mrs. Wilmer L. McCord will continue in the convention office and manage its business affairs.



## Installation Service For Dr. S. Lawrence Johnson

The Rev. Dr. S. Lawrence Johnson was installed as pastor of Pilgrim Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), Birmingham, Alabama, on November 21, 1965.

Participating in the impressive service were officials of the Southeast Convention, the North Alabama Association, as well as representatives from churches of other denominations in the city. The sermon was delivered by President Walter A. Graham of Southern Union State Junior College.

Dr. Johnson is a graduate of Carleton College, Minn., and Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Mass. Piedmont College granted him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Dr. and Mrs. Johnson and family formerly were in Kokomo, Ind., where he served the First United Church of Christ.

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### Superintendent's Corner

During the past several weeks much of my time has been taken in going through the files and discarding the papers and correspondence that no longer are needed.

It is really amazing the number of letters and documents that have come in and gone out from this office. As time grew short and the task still was not completed, the wish came that I had not written so many letters!

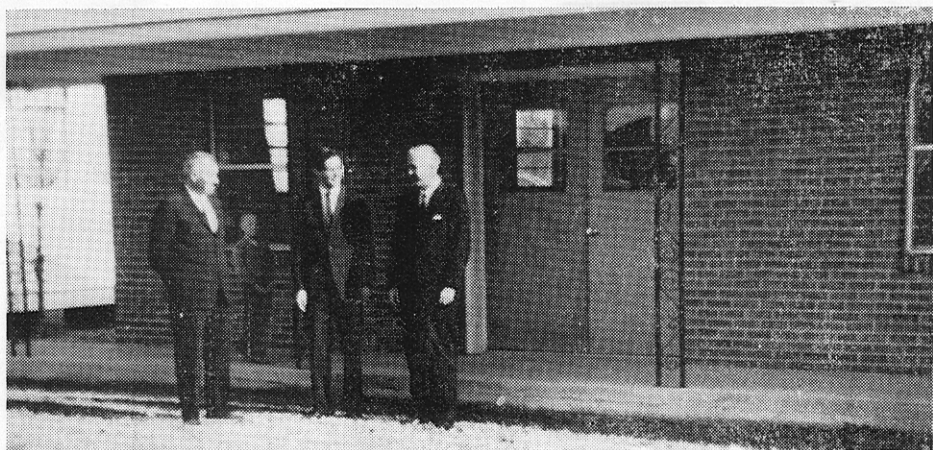
The job would have been completed sooner had I not become so interested in the letters and other materials I found in the files. Instead of sticking to the job I would read and re-live many of the experiences of the past eight and a half years.

The statistics of miles traveled, meetings attended, letters written, speeches and sermons delivered, interviews and consultations held would probably be formidable.

But the statistics are meaningless unless they point to actual accomplishments.

I do hope that I have been faithful in my stewardship of the trust the convention has placed in my hands. I hope that when an evaluation is made of the period of my service as superintendent, from 1957 through 1965, that the judgment will be recorded that the convention made the right kind of progress under my leadership.

For myself, I know that this experience has been greatly helpful to me. I have learned much during these years. Moreover, my life has been blessed through the contacts with the ministers and churches and through the friendships I have been privileged to make. And now, God bless you in the years ahead.



Pictured above, left to right, in front of the new Educational Building of the Garden City, Alabama, Church are Rev. Guy L. Colbert, Rev. Rheaman P. Wood, and Supt. James H. Lightbourne, Jr.

## Garden City Dedicates Educational Building

The new Educational Building of the Congregational Christian Church of Garden City, Alabama, was dedicated on Sunday morning, December 5, 1965. The Rev. Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Superintendent of the Southeast Convention, Atlanta, Ga., delivered the Dedictory Sermon. Those participating in the Act of Dedication were Rev. Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Rev. Rheaman P. Wood, pastor, and Ray E. Price, trustee of the Garden City Church.

Present also was Dr. Guy L. Colbert, Pastor-at-Large of the North Alabama Association, of Hartselle. Dr. Colbert conducted the Service of Licensure and Installation of Rheaman P. Wood. Birmingham Southern College, as pastor of the Garden City Church. Very special guests to see their son installed were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McQuisten, and grandparents of Birmingham.

Immediately following the services a fine fellowship meal was served to a host of members, friends, and visitors.

The dream of this church which began a long while ago has finally been realized. A building fund was started by Sunday School children under the direction of the Rev. Miss Annie R. Campbell, who was the pastor, in 1952. In the years following, the fund grew through the efforts and contributions of members and interested friends. In 1962, Carroll Alexander, who served the church as pastor, sought the help of an architect friend, J. H. Skaggs, who drew up suitable plans. In June 1963 construction began. Three months later the attractive brick and block

building was completed. Besides providing space for Sunday School and Pilgrim Fellowship activities, this debt-free building contains a furnished kitchen and rest rooms. The day of its dedication was truly a joyous occasion!

#### BREAKTHROUGH PROGRAM PRESENTED

The Breakthrough program and filmstrips were presented to the members of the Garden City Congregational Christian Church on Sunday night, December 5, 1965. Dr. Guy L. Colbert, Pastor-at-Large of the North Alabama Association, brought the missions materials, prepared by the United Church of Christ Stewardship Council. This program was helpful to the congregation in examining their response to Our Christian World Mission — its tasks, its goals, its support.

Mrs. Ray E. Price, Clerk

## Official Name Now Southern Union State Junior College

The name of The Southern Union College, Wadley, Alabama, has officially been changed to:

#### "SOUTHERN UNION STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE"

The action changing the name was taken by the Alabama State Board of Education at its meeting on November 2, 1965.

Founded as an institution of the Southern Convention of Christian Churches, the junior college was operated by the Congregational Christian Churches (now United Church of Christ) until 1964 when it was given to the State of Alabama.





## Superintendent And Family Honored At Farewell Dinner

Rev. and Mrs. James H. Lightbourne, Jr. and their family were honored at the Parish Dinner held at Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, on Sunday, December 12.

Pictured above is the pastor of the church, Rev. Frederick A. Meyer, who is also vice-moderator of the Southeast Convention, presented Dr. and Mrs. Lightbourne with a lovely silver tray inscribed to them from the people and churches of the Southeast Convention.

Standing with the Lightbournes are their daughter, Leslie Hope, and son, Andy. Their oldest son, Jimmy, is a freshman at Elon College.

Mrs. Lightbourne is holding a cake that was presented to the family. On the table in front of her is a brand new Singer Sewing machine given to her by ladies of the church.

Mr. Meyer also gave to the Lightbournes a check for more than \$600 representing gifts from churches and friends.

The program for the occasion in honor of the Lightbournes was highly original. There was a play written by a member of the church and supposedly giving incidents out of the life of the family. All of the parts were played by members of the church. Needless to say, a highly amusing time was had by all — even the Lightbournes.

Another member of the church, Mrs. Paul Lindig, composed a poem for the occasion. (The author of the play refused to be identified.)

The Lightbournes have moved to 2903 Amherst Ave., Burlington, N. C. 27217, as Dr. Lightbourne assumes his new position.

## Lay People From Southern Region Attend Conference

The North American Conference on the Ministry of the Laity will be held in Chicago, Illinois, January 13-16, 1966.

The United Church of Christ is allowed 35 delegates, of whom only three are clergy. Delegates are drawn from all professions and labor groups.

The Southeast Convention area is represented by Mrs. Carl B. Miller, a Charleston, S. C., teacher. Other representatives from the Southern Region include John Kelley, Miami, Florida, lawyer; Mrs. Henry Kennedy, Jr., Thomasville, N. C., office manager; King S. Bishop, Suffolk, Virginia, longshoreman and Mrs. Charles W. Schwantes, Houston, Texas, minister's wife.

## Members Encouraged To Take Mission Study Tour

The schedule of United Church Tours for 1966 has been announced by Dr. Nelson C. Dreier, Secretary of Tours for the Stewardship Council of the United Church of Christ.

The first tour of 1966 is a ten day visit to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, scheduled for February 3 to 12. This same tour is also offered November 3 to 12.

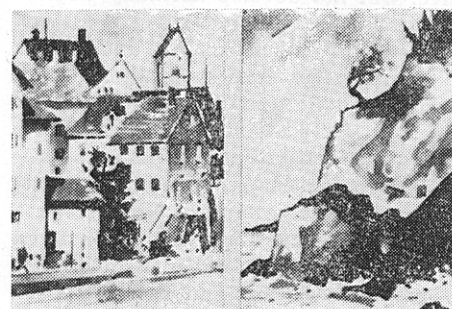
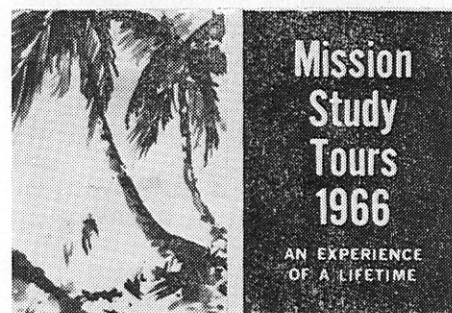
The second tour of the year is perhaps one of the most interesting ever offered by the United Church of Christ. It is a tour to the Holy Land, timed to include Palm Sunday. Developed in cooperation with the Church Travel Club of England, this tour leaves New York on March 21 and returns on April 12. The leader will be the Rev. J. P. Lee-Woolf, former British missionary to China and Executive Secretary of the Student Christian Movement. The opportunity to spend Palm Sunday in the Holy Land and to join with a tour group from Britain makes this an unusual travel experience.

Tours scheduled for later in the year include:

West Coast California, April 11-26  
Hawaii, June 15-20 (Extension June 21-23)

Northern Europe, July 12-August 2  
Europe, Near East and Holy Land, August 2-23 (with an optional Africa extension, August 23-September 13)

During the past forty years, thousands of people have traveled through-



out the world on tours that uniquely combine travel, pleasure and an unusual opportunity to observe the mission of the church first-hand.

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## Human Lives Depend On One Great Hour Of Sharing

The spirit of reconciliation that this world so desperately needs is well expressed in the One Great Hour of Sharing Lenten appeal through which many denominations raise funds for overseas relief and rehabilitation, disaster and refugee service, anti-hunger and community development programs.

The year 1966 is specially important to the many depending on aid from the Division of World Service of the United Church Board for World Ministries. It will be the first time the church has planned to support its "world service" program with only one all-church offering. In the past food distribution was provided through funds from Share Our Substance (SOS) observed in the fall. Now SOS will be included with the OGHS-SOS Lenten appeal.

By taking part in the OGHS-SOS offering your church can be part of the cooperative world-wide effort to provide proper diet to a generation of children who will not live, or if they live, will not develop normally without help. You can supply dignity as well as food to thousands of families in Korea, Algeria, Africa, South America, who through Food for Work projects become self-sustaining. You can help feed and rehabilitate millions of refugees in Vietnam, Africa, India, Pakistan and other countries. You can provide emergency funds for 40 or more anticipated natural and man-made disasters in 1966. You can help lost people find the light of hope that will lead them to a fuller life.

Last year the OGHS amounted to approximately \$500,000. Anticipating a healthy reaction to the 1966 combined offering for OGHS-SOS, the Board for World Ministries has budgeted \$1,020,000 for the Division of World Service year's program. To meet this budget OGHS-SOS giving in 1966 must double the amount received in 1965. This goal is not unrealistic. The pre-merger service bodies supported a program of \$1,500,000. For a church of over two million members to achieve a goal of \$1,000,000 should not be hard.

So many human lives depend on OGHS-SOS. Help make it a truly Great Hour.

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